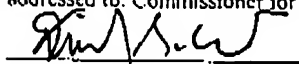


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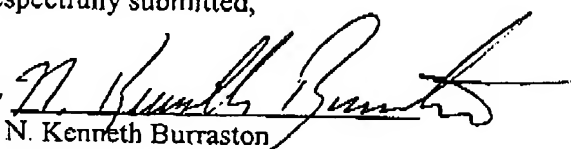
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for response to the final Office Action dated July 25, 2003 in the above-identified application to January 26, 2004 (the first business day following January 25, 2004). Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,280.00, which includes \$950.00 for the fee for the above-requested extension of time.

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